



CITY COUNCIL

Administrative Oversight and Land Use Committee

**Monday, December 6, 2010
Meeting Report**

Attendance: S. Marmarou, F. Acosta, D. Reed

Others Attending: S. Katzenmoyer

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Mr. Marmarou.

I. Interviews

Ellen Horan (appointment – Main Street Board)

Charles Broad (appointment – Main Street Board)

Mr. Marmarou questioned why Mr. Broad and Ms. Horan were interested in serving in this capacity. Mr. Broad stated that it was important to have consistency in the downtown area. He noted that both he and Ms. Horan are very familiar with downtown Reading.

Mr. Marmarou questioned if Ms. Horan and Mr. Broad had worked on projects together in the past. Mr. Broad and Ms. Horan indicated that they did.

Mr. Marmarou questioned the candidates' vision for this Board. Ms. Horan noted the need to support the City in its work. She stated that the Chamber has been working with DCED in relation to the Core Cities Initiative and noted her hope to accelerate redevelopment of the downtown.

Ms. Horan questioned what Council would be looking for from this Board. Mr. Marmarou noted the need for a broad cross-section of members.

Ms. Reed noted that the first meeting will be held on Friday, December 10 at 10 am. She stated that she will be serving as the Council liaison to this Board.

The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of Ms. Horan and Mr. Broad to the Main Street Board.

Rene Placido (appointment – Main Street Board)

Mr. Placido did not appear for his interview.

Alan Shuman (appointment – Water Authority)

Prior to the arrival of Mr. Shuman, Ms. Reed stated that she would not support Mr. Shuman's appointment to the Water Authority. She stated that it would set a dangerous precedent as he is a developer.

Mr. Acosta stated that he was surprised when he saw Mr. Shuman on the agenda. He noted his concern that a conflict of interest exists.

Ms. Reed noted that Mr. Shuman also applied to be a member of the DID Authority. Mr. Shuman stated that this was his first choice but that the Mayor never brought his name forward for this position. Mr. Shuman also noted his interest in the Redevelopment Authority but noted that this would be a conflict of interest.

Mr. Marmarou questioned Mr. Shuman's willingness to serve on the DID Authority. Mr. Shuman stated that he would prefer serving on DID.

Ms. Reed stated that this would be a more appropriate placement and noted her support of Mr. Shuman being placed on the DID Authority.

Mr. Acosta noted his concern that Mr. Shuman being placed on the Water Authority may also pose a conflict of interest. He noted that placement on DID would be a perfect fit.

Mr. Marmarou questioned the progress at the Hiester's Lane site. Mr. Shuman stated that he has interest from a motorcycle dealer. He also reported that the daycare center has tripled in size as many employed by Sweet Streets have placed their children at this facility.

Ms. Reed stated that work needs to be done on the holiday parade and suggested that there be more floats and more bands. She suggested that Cindy Kauffman become involved.

The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the appointment of Mr. Shuman to the DID Authority.

Wayne Bealer (reappointment – Planning Commission)

Ms. Reed questioned how long Mr. Bealer has been involved with the Planning Commission. Mr. Bealer stated that he was appointed in 2003.

Ms. Reed described the problems associated with holding these meetings in Council Chambers. She questioned how to prevent a repeat of the problem caused when the chair left the building after being informed of needing to relocate the meetings to Chambers.

Mr. Bealer questioned if Granicus was being installed in the Penn Room. Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that the project is moving forward in the Penn Room but that she did not have a date when installation would occur.

Ms. Reed questioned if Mr. Rafaelli had met with Mr. Geffken. She stated that this meeting needed to be held after the budget process was complete. Mr. Bealer stated that as of the Planning Commission's last meeting, the meeting between Mr. Rafaelli and Mr. Geffken had not taken place. He noted that the Planning Commission would like an indication that Granicus was being installed in the Penn Room and an approximate date of installation.

Ms. Katzenmoyer questioned if the Planning Commission would be willing to continue meeting in Chambers if they knew it would be temporary. Mr. Bealer expressed his belief that this would be possible if they knew it was temporary.

Mr. Bealer expressed his belief that Andrew Miller, the City Planner, may be leaving the City because of problems with the Codes Department in relation to his home. Mr. Acosta stated that Mr. Miller lives in his district and that he is willing to speak with him about the situation.

The Administrative Oversight Committee agreed to recommend the reappointment of Mr. Bealer to the Planning Commission.

The Administrative Oversight Committee adjourned at approximately 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Shelly Katzenmoyer,
Deputy City Clerk